

# Must-have tech toys for your condo

**Small in size, large in style.** Metro talks to Richard Bowden about the perfect accessories for small spaces

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Now that you have your new space fully decked out, you'll want to add the perfect high-tech accessories.

Richard Bowden, director of sales for Bay Bloor Radio, took Metro on a tour of home entertainment components designed for the condo — from a super-thin Panasonic LED television that looks like a picture frame to a Bose condo surround system with wireless subwoofer, iPod docking station and universal remote.

For the ultimate in condo digital sound, there's the British-engineered Naim system that looks much like a conventional stereo. "This is a condo system beyond belief. This is the best \$8,000 you'll

ever spend in a small space," says Bowden.

With newer systems, there's no need for a separate computer. They handle Internet streaming, digital to analog conversion and wireless connections, all in one box. Your media files can reside on any storage device located anywhere on your wireless network.

Condo owners have limited choices when it comes to home entertainment wiring, due to concrete construction and other considerations. If you have multiple rooms, the Sonos wireless control system is an obvious solution.

"Say I want to put music in maybe two to three rooms of a condo, this is perfect because this is wireless streaming," says Bowden. "This is the company that has figured out how to do multi-room without wires. It controls music off the Internet, controls music off the computer."

You can mix-and-match components for up to 18 rooms and use your iPod or iPhone as the remote control.

3D flat panel televisions are now all the rage, as prices

have started to plummet. Low-end models are now priced between \$1,700 and \$2,000. You will need to purchase a Blu-ray player and at least one pair of 3D LCD shutter glasses at about \$100 each.

Sony's 55" Bravia HX929 is full HD 1080p in 2D and 3D, with a monolithic design, Corning gorilla glass and Internet TV for streaming entertainment.

And here's the ultimate Internet router for your entertainment system: With lots of bandwidth and connection options, the D-Link HD Fuel is a dual-band wireless router with up to 600 Mbps.

You can build a wireless condo network capable of delivering the bandwidth to handle HD video streams, large media file downloads and online gaming to multiple devices.

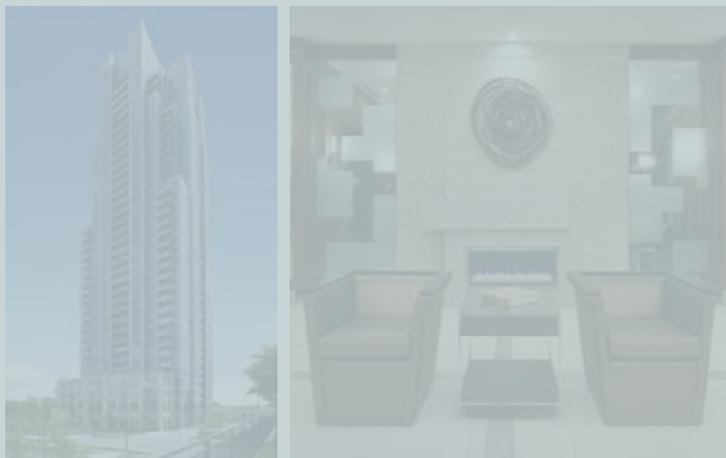
SharePort Plus lets you connect or stream from any USB device. And with four gigabit Ethernet ports, there's plenty of room for your computers, Blu-ray player, PlayStation and more. There's even an SD card slot for accessing HD photos and videos.



Richard Bowden, director of sales for Bay Bloor Radio, demonstrates a condo home entertainment system.  
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**Bravia 55" HX929 Series 3D HDTV**  
\$3,599 at The Sony Store

2 **Naim UnitiQute**  
\$2,695 from Bay Bloor Radio  


3   
**D-Link DIR-827 HD Media Router 2000**  
\$120 at Canada Computers and Electronics

4 **Sonos ZonePlayer 120**  
\$599 from Bay Bloor Radio  
